

# Independent Living\*

## What does this program do?

The Chafee Independent Living program serves the following purposes:

- To identify children who are likely to remain in foster care until 18 years of age and to help these children make the transition to self sufficiency through formal life skills training and curriculum.
- To help children who are likely to remain in foster care until 18 years of age receive education training and services necessary to obtain employment.
- To provide personal and emotional support to children aging out of foster care through mentoring and the promotion of interactions with dedicated adults.
- To provide financial, housing, counseling, employment, education and other support services to former foster care recipients between 18 and 21 years of age to complement their own efforts to achieve self sufficiency.

## What is its statutory base?

State: RSMo 207.010, 207.020, 210.001

Federal: P.L. 99-272

## Is this a federally mandated program?

Yes, the maintenance payments for group homes, apartments and advocate placements are mandatory.

## What is the funding?

State Fiscal Year	General Revenue	Federal	Other	Total
2001	\$1.8 mil	\$2.9 mil	\$0	\$4.7 mil
2002	\$1.8 mil	\$3.4 mil	\$0	\$5.2 mil
2003	\$1.8 mil	\$3.4 mil	\$0	\$5.2 mil
2004	\$1.7 mil	\$3.4 mil	\$0	\$5.1 mil

*\*In SFY-2004 and previous years this appropriation included the Independent Living program and the Transitional Living program. In the SFY-2005 budget we are requesting these programs be separated into two sections. Funding is shown for both programs.*

## What are the sources of the non-general revenue funds?

CHAFEE Grant

## Who is eligible?

Youth between the ages of 14 and 21 who have been placed outside the home of their birth parents. Qualifying placements include those in foster homes, residential treatment centers, relative homes and juvenile detention facilities.

## How many children have been served in the Independent Living Program?

Children Served	
2001	2,334
2002	2,621